



Town of Amherst, New Hampshire  
**Office of Community Development**

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**Aquifer Conservation and Wellhead Protection District Plan Checklist**

Each Aquifer Conservation and Wellhead Protection District Plan submitted to the Planning Board for review shall be consistent with the stated Purpose of this Ordinance. The project shall avoid and minimize impacts to land situated within the district, and shall contain the following provisions:

1. ☐ The proposed activity minimizes degradation of land situated within the District and offsets potential adverse impacts to functions and values of wetlands, surface waters, and vernal pools, including but not limited to their capacity to support fish and wildlife; attenuate flooding, supply and protect surface and ground water resources; remove sediments; remove pollutants; support wetland vegetation; promote public health and safety; and moderate fluctuations in surface water levels.
2. ☐ The proposed activity will have no significant negative environmental impact to abutting or downstream properties and/or hydrologically connected water and/or wetland resources, including increased potential for erosion, siltation, and turbidity of surface waters; loss of fish and wildlife habitat; loss of unique habitat having demonstrable natural, scientific, or educational value; loss or decrease of beneficial aquatic organisms and wetland plants and their habitat; increased danger of flooding and/or transport of pollutants; and destruction of the economic, aesthetic, recreational, and other public and private uses and values of the wetland to the community.
3. ☐ The proposed activity or use cannot practicably be located otherwise on the site to eliminate or reduce impact to the Wetland & Watershed Conservation District.
4. ☐ The proposed activity incorporates the use of those best management practices recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and/or other State agencies having jurisdiction.
5. ☐ All applicable Federal and/or State Permit(s) have been received for the proposed activity in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules – Part Env-Wt 100-800 and Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended.
6. ☐ Where applicable, proof of application to all required State and/or Federal permits.
7. ☐ Provide written comment prior to possible approval of a Conditional use Permit which may include recommended conditions for the approval, if deemed necessary, to mitigate the potential for adverse effects caused by the proposed activity or use.